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SUBJ: MEDIA COERAGE OF AMBASSADOR GERARD'S SENATE HEARING

BOTH THE GLEANER AND DAILY NEWS CARRIED THE MAR 19 AP STORY ON AMBASSADOR GERARD'S APPEARANCE BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. IT WAS ALSO MENTIONED ON THE MAR 18 TV NEWS. ACCORDING TO THE NEWS ITEMS, AMBASSADOR GERARD SAID THAT JAMAICA HAS A POOR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SITUATION WHICH HAS BEEN AGGRAVATED BY INCREASED OIL PRICES; THAT JAMAICA CERTAINLY NEEDS FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND RECOGNIZES THE NEED TO MAINTAIN A HEALTHY INVESTMENT CLIMATE; THAT JAMAICA IS A COUNTRY GENERALLY FRIENDLY TO THE WEST BUT WHICH OF LATE HAS IDENTIFIED ITSELF INCREASINGLY WITH THIRD WORLD NATIONS; THAT THIS TENDENCY IS NOT CONTRARY TO US INTERESTS. THE ARTICLES NOTE THAT AMBASSADOR GERARD SAID THAT HE IS NOT SURE THERE HAS BEEN ANY ADVERSE POLITICAL EFFECT GROWING OUT OF JAMAICA'S DECISION LAST YEAR TO DECLARE AMBASSADOR DE ROULET PERSONA NON GRATA.

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